

material directly related to Mr. Nussbaum's testimony and to determine the extent of necessary further investigation.

This report is the culmination of the investigative work of more than ten attorneys, including Assistant United States Attorneys on detail to this Office, several other career prosecutors, and senior OIC staff. The Independent Counsel also enlisted the services of experienced criminal investigators. Initially, FBI agents already detailed to the OIC assisted in the investigation of the FBI Files matter. However, due to the potential for an appearance of a conflict of interest with an investigation involving the conduct of the FBI, the Independent Counsel decided that, where possible, the OIC would avoid using FBI agents. The Independent Counsel requested and received the assignment of four agents with more than 80 years of combined investigative experience from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to provide investigative assistance.

The OIC gathered and thoroughly reviewed the already voluminous record created by the two congressional inquiries and an FBI internal investigation of the FBI Files matter. Building on this record, the OIC proceeded to identify, interview, and take sworn testimony of more than 90 witnesses regarding their knowledge of matters within the scope of its investigation of the FBI Files matter and this matter.